

# Crankshaft Journal

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## Central Fraser Valley Chapter Newsletter

Vintage Car Club of Canada

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### March 2026

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## Our Tour To the Inch Creek Fish Hatchery

...followed by a wonderful lunch at Fraser and Dorothy Field



Here we are at the Inch Creek Fish Hatchery checking out two middle aged sturgeons named Henry and Arnold.  
More photos inside



**Our Country Car Show**  
**Sunday, April 26**  
 Check out the poster on the last page of this issue  
 Volunteers needed. Please consider signing up at our April mtg.



**Our Next Meeting**  
 Wednesday, April 1 2026 at 7pm  
**Legacy Room-32470 Trethewey Street-Gate 1**  
 (still at the fairgrounds)

**The Crankshaft Journal**

*The Crankshaft Journal is published towards the last week of each month from September to June with an added summer edition in August.  
 Contributions to the Crankshaft Journal are always welcome.*

*If you have an on-the-go project or finished vehicle and wish to share some photos and information about it, please contact the editor, Richard Heyman at: [richard.heyman@ufv.ca](mailto:richard.heyman@ufv.ca).  
 The club would enjoy hearing about it.*

**NEWS FLASH: View the Vintage Car magazine now on line at:**  
<https://vancouver.vccc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-6703-December-January.pdf>

**Central Fraser Valley Chapter  
 2026 Executive and Committee Volunteers**

Names in red are new

<b>Executive Positions</b>	<b>Directors</b>	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Committee Heads and Volunteer Positions</b>
<b>President:</b> Allan Ganske <b>Vice President:</b> Gordon Taylor <b>Secretary:</b> Kathy Nicolette <b>Treasurer:</b> Colleen Broderick	Susan Shull Ron Morris Terry Johnson Mike McVay Tracy Lewis Ken Hall Ken Zondervan Ed Froese Diane Hanson Dorothy Field John Lundgren	Regan Lewis	<b>Membership:</b> Ron and Pat Morris <b>Rent &amp; Restoration Draw:</b> Tracy and Regan Lewis <b>Webmaster/Newsletter Editor:</b> Richard Heyman <b>Coffee:</b> Mike McVay <b>Birthdays and Sunshine Person:</b> Jean Clingwall <b>Scrapbook:</b> Tracy Lewis <b>Year Bar Records:</b> Robyn Ferenczi <b>Chapter Correspondent:</b> Jean Husband <b>Country Car Show Chairman:</b> Wally Lee <b>KMS &amp; Lordco Liaison:</b> Rick Unger <b>Events Coordinators:</b> Wendy and Ken Hall



## Minutes for the March 4, 2026 Central Fraser Valley Chapter General Meeting

Legacy Room – 32470 Trethewey Street, Gate 1

President Al Ganske: Called the meeting to order at 7:06

Welcomed members and ask if there were any new vehicles or guests.

No new/old vehicles but several members are working on restorations and/or rebuilds.

Asked for additional agenda items: No additional items noted.



**Attendance:** 60 members present

**Entertainment: Ed Froese**

No entertainment scheduled for this evening; however, Ron Morris has brought a CD of car show pictures that will be shown on screen during coffee social.

**Reading and Adoption of the minutes:**

· Al asked for any errors or omissions from the minutes of the Feb

4th, General Meeting as published in the Crankshaft Journal.

“Motion to adopt the minutes as published: **Donna Johnson** – seconded **Joe Wright** .....CARRIED

**Treasurers Report: Colleen Broderick**

Colleen provided a detailed report for the General Account and the Country Car Club Account for the month of February.

“Motion to pay any and all outstanding bills and adopt the Treasury Report as read by, **Colleen Broderick**, seconded **Joe Wright** .....CARRIED.

**Correspondence: Al Ganske**

· Al received an email from National President, Ernie Stepney, encouraging all members to either sign a proxy or attend the AGM, April 11th – Regan will expand on this during the governor’s report.

· Received from NAACC official proclamation from the Province of BC that the month of July is “Automotive Heritage Month”. With July 10th marking the 17th consecutive commemoration of International Collector Car Appreciation Day to raise awareness of the vital role that automotive restoration and heritage plays in North American Society.

o Al encourages our chapter to celebrate this with an event and/or tour. Anyone with ideas for this please see Ken Hall.

**Membership Report: Ron and Pat Morris**

· Advised we currently have 104 members renewed and paid for 2026.

· Introduced new members:

o Dana & Marlis Blackmore

o David & Carol Mandel – 2006 Mustang GT

o Elsbeth Knott & Les Assels – 1996 Volvo 850

· **Name Tag Draw \$ 5.** – **Karl Horst** – absent next draw will be \$10.

**Rust and Restoration Draw: Regan Lewis**

· \$ 111.00 winner – **Doreen Newby**

### **Country Car Show: John Lundgren**

- Poster: near completion and ready for print – just waiting for QR Code for preregistration
- Lottery License: approved, received.
- Food Truck: BB food on the Go (same as last year)
- Prizes: Cindy Ganske has confirmed she will collect and organize prizes this year. She has asked that all collected be delivered to her by no later than APRIL 15th to allow time for her and her crew to assemble and record all information. Be sure to include Donor name, business name and contact information.
  - o There are a few sponsor contact sheets at the front – please have a look and pick up one or more that you think you could make contact with.
- Parking: Ken Zondervan is circulating a sign-up sheet for this tonight. Please help if you can – if you missed the sign up – please contact him asap to get the time you want – ken.zondervan@gmail.com or 604-807-1981

### **Newsletter Richard Heyman**

- Richard asks that anyone who has placed an ad in the Crankshaft to review your entry – and if it is sold or no longer relevant please let him know and he can delete it.
- Brought in some books and put them on the back table – help yourself to any you may want.

### **Governors Report: Regan Lewis**

- No report currently, however, the AGM is being held – in person.
  - o April 11, 2026, at the Chilliwack Curling and Community Centre, 45550 Spadina Ave., contact Regan for more details.
  - o All members are welcome to the AGM and have a vote. If you are unable to attend, please sign a proxy and make sure Regan has it before the meeting. Please do your part and support your governor and your club.
  - o Has proxies at the front—each member has a vote (i.e.: member 1, vote, spouse 1. vote)
  - o Full members only provide proxies to Regan with CFV as their Chapter, Associate members must provide proxies to their own Chapter.

### **Old Business: Al Ganske**

- none

### **New Business: Al Ganske**

- none

### **Past Events: Ken Hall**

- Feb 14 - Valentine Tour Nicolette's & Lewis's  
Overwhelming success – Love was in the air.

### **Future Events: Ken Hall**

- Mar 14 – Inch Creek Hatchery Fraser & Dorothy Field
  - o Meet at Ag-Rec parking lot (Gate 2) 9:30 – leave 10:00
  - o Approx 1 hour driving tour, guided tour at the hatchery, followed by a stop at “Field Estates” for refreshments – Lunch included.
  - o RSVP – sign up sheet circulated, if you missed it, please contact Dorothy at [Dorothy.field@hotmail.com](mailto:Dorothy.field@hotmail.com)
- Mar 14 – Early Beatles Concert Doreen & Ian Newby
  - o Sponsored by the Jaguar/MG Club, tickets available on-line – Richard has sent out a poster – check your email.
- Mar 29 - Haney Swap Meet

### **Birthday Report: Jean Clingwall (absent)**

Provided a report that shared March Birthdays with us.

· Also happened to be both Lori Stagg and Mike McVay's birthdays today. Thanks for sharing your special day with us. Happy Birthday.

### **Sunshine Report: Jean Clingwall**

- Linda Tuningley Speedy recovery
- Steve Williams Speedy recovery
- Gord Stebanuk Speedy recovery

### **Good of the Order:**

Ian Newby:

Reviewed the headaches of clearing vintage vehicles and parts into Canada from the US. The tariff for these was repealed on September 1st special thanks to the negotiations of BC SVA, and NAACC however the staff at the border crossing, have not been brought up to date. Be vigilant, do your homework and go prepared if clearing a vehicle or parts. There should be no tariff charged.

Has received bound copies of the Vintage Car Magazine back to 1950 from Ken Dahl, Vancouver Chapter. Would like to find a caretaker for these historic books once he has read them.

Both he and Doreen have won trophies for the North American Championship Awards – Jaguar.

- 2024 F-Type Coupe with a score of 99.983
- 1956 D-Type with a score of 9.920.

They have been invited to an official award ceremony at the Jaguar AGM on April 13th sponsored by the Mexican Jaguar Club followed by a 450 car Concours.

Congratulations Ian and Doreen

### **Al Ganske:**

Presented **Steve and Sharon Paul** with their 30-year pins.

Also, **Dennis and Alena** their 5-year pins (via Joe & Jeanette Wright)



*Steve and Sharon Paul receiving their 30 year pin from President Al*

### **Frank Nicolette:**

Presented **Al Ganske** with the President's Bumper Badge (with apologies for being overdue)

### **Frank Nicolette:**

Acknowledge the attendance at the Valentine Tour. WOW – 75 members turn out.

Shout out to all the special people that helped make the day a success:

Regan & Tracy Lewis – leading the tour and getting them to the hall without a miss turn.

Colleen and her sister Melodie – the vases and the amazing hand made cookies.

Kathy and Robyn – chief cooks and servers

Colleen and Stan Strahl, Bob Ferenczi and Mike McVay – arrived early for set up.

We can't make these events happen without you.



*Al receives his President's bumper badge from Frank*

### **Ron Morris:**

Special shout out to **Paul Ouimet**. We had placed an order through China for a supply of CFV Plaques. Paul had offered to include them with a business shipment to avoid shipping charges. He actually got the plaques donated free of charge, from his supplier. When Paul explained the objectives of the club – they wanted to offer their support.

### **Ron Morris:**

Has his daughter's 2019 Ford Edge for sale, 50,000 K's – give him a call if interested.

- **Jean Clingwall** reminded us of
  - o March 18 – Men’s Coffee – LeRoy Clingwall’s – 9:30 am
  - o March 18 – Ladies Breakfast – Ricki’s Restaurant – 9:30 am

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – 7:00 pm  
 LEGACY ROOM – 32470 TRETHERWEY STREET, GATE 1

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Donna Johnson 7:56 pm



**March and April Birthdays**  
 by Jean Clingwall

**March**

- 3 Joe Ledlin
- 4 Lori Stagg
- 4 Mike McVay
- 6 Barb Storey
- 6 Joyce Holmes
- 12 Len McIntosh
- 14 Fraser Field
- 17 Kellie Ouimet
- 17 Colleen Strahl
- 17 Leah Watson
- 18 Crysanthe Sahamis
- 21 Neva Ledlin
- 17 Danny Suveges
- 23 Richard Stevenson
- 27 Lois Wilson
- 28 Donna Johnson
- 30 Bernie Crawley

**April**

- 4 Dorothy Field
- 8 Bart Verhoef
- 10 Ray Lamb
- 14 Steve Paul
- 19 John Lundgren
- 22 Jacqui Haqq
- 23 Despina Sahamis
- 27 Ken Grahame

WISHING YOU ALL SAFE AND HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

...and if I have forgotten you, please make sure I have you in my book. Each birthday is very special!!

# Tour to the Inch Creek Fish Hatchery

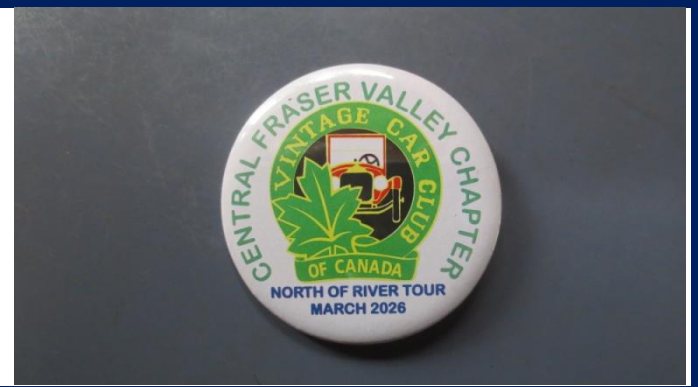
...and lunch at Fraser and Dorothy Field  
Saturday, March 14



"Henry", one of two 200 pound sturgeons



Happy Birthday, Fraser!

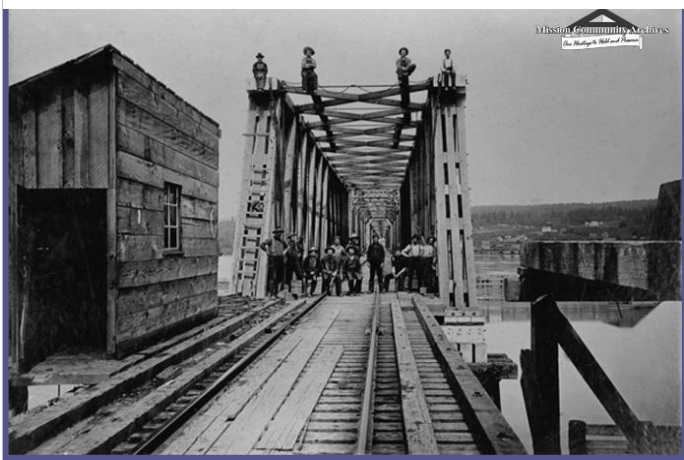


## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday, March 29</b>	<b>Haney Swap Meet</b> Haney Fairgrounds
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>Our Annual Country Car Show</b> check out the poster on the last page
<b>2026 May Tour</b>  <b>May 8- 11</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2026 May Tour</b></p> <p>The 2026 May Tour will be held in beautiful Campbell River on Vancouver Island. Tour date is May 8-11, 2026. Pre-register with a \$50.00 deposit. Once you pre-register, I will send you the hotel information. We had to cap the tour at 75 cars due to hotel space availability.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contact Information</u> Laura Neufeld Phone 250-468-9572 (evenings and weekends) Email: Lkneufeld@shaw.ca</p>

## A Short History of the Mission Bridge by Dorothy and Fraser Field

In May 1911, tenders were called for a new ferry service immediately southwest of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) bridge. At the time, the south shore was called Elliotville, settled by William Elliott. The double decked ferry, which could carry six teams of horse-drawn units and passengers, was gasoline powered. Launched in early November, the *John H. Sprott* commenced the Mission–Elliotville service about two weeks later. Toll-free 7am–6pm, a charge was made for after hours crossings. Sprott was a pioneer roadbuilder in the district.



The schedule was hourly each way, six days a week.<sup>1</sup> By summer 1913, the service was 7am–5pm, seven days a week. By 1915, the ferry was about hourly 8am–7pm on Sundays, and every 40 minutes 7am–7pm on other days. In 1917, a team of horses, buggy, and two occupants, plunged from the landing into the river. One horse was lost and the buggy slightly damaged. Later that year, winter hours were reduced.

The inconvenience of a 40-minute frequency prompted lobbying for a bridge. In 1919–20, the contracts awarded for a replacement vessel comprised the steel hull to Yarrows Ltd (\$31,000) and engine to Westminster Iron

Works (\$10,080). In summer 1920, the *Eena* entered service. Ferry fares may have been introduced at that time. Responding to complaints, fares were reduced months later.

In 1921, the ferry captain was inexplicably terminated. By 1923, the schedule was 9am–5pm, being hourly in

winter and every 40 minutes in summer. The ferry ceased operations on July 1, 1927. In 1929, the surplus *Eena* was relocated to be the Agassiz-Rosedale ferry.

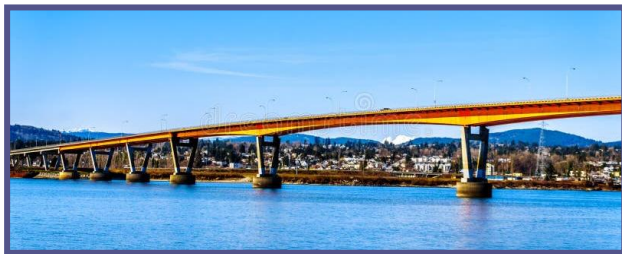
### Shared railway bridge era



After the new Mission Railway Bridge opened, CP rejected a request in 1910 for public use by wagon traffic. Dual railway/highway use eventuated on July 1, 1927. Planks laid alongside the rails were attached to lengthened ties, which allowed single lane motor vehicle traffic. In July 1955, when a span of the bridge collapsed, no users were injured, but the vital commercial link between the two

communities was disrupted. High water had washed away the foundations of a concrete pier. A 27-metre (90 ft), 20-automobile capacity ferry barge was immediately installed for passengers and vehicles, operating 7am–midnight. An additional tug and barge were used the following summer to handle the heavy traffic and agricultural produce. Ferry services ceased in August 1956 when the bridge reopened. In 1970, a major fire on the centre span of the bridge weakened the deck requiring a period of closure. In 1972, a passenger ferry operated for five days while the bridge was closed to replace railway ties. Seasonal flooding would also put the bridge out of commission at times.

### Highway bridge construction and opening



The 1,126-metre (3,695 ft) bridge comprises a 16-metre (54 ft) wide roadway bordered by 2-metre (6 ft) wide sidewalks. CBA Engineering designed the bridge and oversaw the \$15 million project. The superstructure approaches are either concrete or steel I-girders and the main river spans are stiffened steel box girders, comprising a total of 20 spans, 11 piers on land, and 8 in the river.

In 1968, the contract for the piers and abutments was awarded to Northern Construction Co and J.W. Stewart (\$2,711,000), with work beginning in March 1969. By September, five land piers were complete and the foundations for four more poured. The dredging of fill for the overpass approaches was awarded to Sceptre Dredging (\$169,500).

In 1970–71, the fabrication and erection of structural steelwork was awarded to Canron Ltd (\$1,038,450) and the supply and placement of fill for roadworks to Sceptre Dredging (\$1,306,692). By mid-1971, the substructure was complete, as was the dredging of material from the bottom of the river for approach fills, but the shaping of the approaches took a further two months. In September, the placing of the concrete beams began. These light-weight post-tensioned beams were produced on site. In 1971–72, the steelwork for the main superstructure was awarded to Canron Ltd (\$2,145,475) and the concrete girders and deck approach spans was awarded to Peter Kiewitt Sons (\$1,619,922). By mid-1972, the steelwork for the approaches was erected and for the main spans was progressing.

Canron, which prefabricated the 13 structural steel sections that form the box girders of the three main spans, barged these modules from its Vancouver yard to site. Each were up to 30 metres (100 ft) long and weighed up to 200 tons. That July, the 24-ton floating Manitowac crane hoisted the first section, which was 13 metres (44 ft) long, 13 metres (42 ft) wide, and 6 metres (20 ft) deep, and weighed 150 tons. After being lifted 21 metres (70 ft), it was placed into position on the north centre pier.

During final completion, the deck was the seal coated with an epoxy resin base, and the

specific pavement formulation, which had been chosen based on extensive testing, was laid.

Whereas the first contract was let in late 1968, the projected completion date moved from fall 1971, to summer 1972, to May 1973, and to June 1973. On June 23, the bridge opened to traffic. After four and a half years of construction, Premier Dave Barrett officially opened the bridge on July 7. The ceremony, which 1,500 people attended, included a parade of vintage vehicles and police cruisers, brass bands, jets flying past and military personnel parachuting onto the deck from low-flying aircraft.



## Needs and Leads

Wanted

For Sale

MARCH 4/26		
Tom Neely	604-255-557	1945 MGTC Buick ✓
Ray Smith	512-0223	1912 Buick Buick 231 engine 3 speed trans ✓
Joe Wright	604-880-976	Misc 1953 Chevy PU truck ✓
GREG LILICO	604-809-5327	1972-73 Buick Wildcat ✓

## Want Ads

### VEHICLES FOR SALE

#### \*1931 MODEL A Pickup Project\*



The body parts are way above average. Box is near perfect no dents just a couple of minor rust holes, tailgate is perfect, there is a brand new hood for it, brand new running boards, fenders are excellent, a couple minor dents but no rust, cab is very good again a couple of minor holes, doors need lower repair panels; tinted door window glass, a perfect chrome front bumper and a complete rear one, straight solid but no sign it was ever chromed.

Perfect chrome windshield frame and chrome dash. Stock frame and a custom boxed and dropped frame as well as a 4" dropped cast from axle.

No running gear and no rear end.  
Rick Unger for Wayne  
778-908-6177

#### 1961 Chev PU



327 motor  
Make an offer  
Dennis Goosen for Jim Ramsay  
604.724.4201

#### Chrysler Windsor Sedan

car could be started, Also a hardtop for parts, some body panels in epoxy. Package \$2500.00. Also have rechromed parts which are sold separately.

Lilah Warren  
604-217-2154  
[warrenlilah6@gmail.com](mailto:warrenlilah6@gmail.com)

### VEHICLES FOR SALE

#### 1983 Mercedes 380 SL



2 door

Hard top and soft top  
Asking: \$14,500  
Call: 604-785-1399

### PARTS FOR SALE

#### 350 Chev engine

Needs camshaft  
Uses no oil  
Gord 604.230.7833

#### Hood for 1950 Ford

Like new. No rust  
Gord 604.230.7833

### WANTED

#### 1951-1954 Chev Oil bath air cleaner

Original style for 235 6-cylinder engine

Good original condition preferred, but any condition considered. Must be complete. For fully restored car  
[aarondecker@hotmail.ca](mailto:aarondecker@hotmail.ca) 778-808-8192

#### Military Vehicles

Ian N. 604.618.2537

#### 66 Chevelle 283 Exhaust Manifolds



Gordon Taylor  
604.854.0380

### WANTED

#### Tires

4 of 6:00-6:50 x 16 radial tires (used in good condition)

Rick Unger  
[rsunger@telus.net](mailto:rsunger@telus.net)  
604-302-6758

#### Small Car/cab Heater

6volt  
Richard Heyman  
604.826.6946 or  
[richard.heyman@ufv.ca](mailto:richard.heyman@ufv.ca)

#### B. C. License Plates with numbers 1 to 100



The beginning, middle & almost end. Still trading or buying B.C. 1 to 100 license plates. Gary at 604 313 7937  
[VintageSpice@gmail.com](mailto:VintageSpice@gmail.com)

#### 1962 Chevrolet Impala Convertible Parts

Roy Shull  
604.512.0225

#### 1991 Dodge Dakota pickup hubcap



6 inch diameter  
After a flat tire, ended up with only the internal wire retaining part  
Jack Woolard 604-820-4784

#### 1951 Can. Pontiac Sport Coupe-6cyl

Ian Newby  
604.618.2537

NICOLA VALLEY  
**CRUISERS**  
 ANNUAL  
 CLASSIC CAR SHOW



**JULY 26**  
 CENTRAL PARK, MERRITT, B.C.



**ROTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
 8 AM - 11 AM

**50/50 DRAW = VENDORS ON SITE**



**MUSIC & PRIZES**




**GATE OPENS AT 8:00 AM**

For Registered Cars - BY DONATION

**PUBLIC WELCOME AT 10:00 AM**

SHOW HOURS: 10AM - 3PM | INFO: [NicolaValleyCruisers.com](http://NicolaValleyCruisers.com)

Presented by the Nicola Valley Cruisers Car Club Rotary 

# COUNTRY CAR SHOW 2026

12th Annual

Sunday April 26

Hosted by the  
Central Fraser Valley  
Chapter of the VCCC



Support  
Youth Entering  
the Automotive  
Profession

**Registration**  
7 am till 9 am  
With partial proceeds  
going to the ACSS  
Automotive Program  
**\$25 AT GATE**  
**Pre Register at**  
[www.TheBadassGarage.com](http://www.TheBadassGarage.com)  
Starting April 1, 2026  
**\$20 ONLINE**  
Questions?  
Contact: John Lundgren  
[johnlundgren54@hotmail.com](mailto:johnlundgren54@hotmail.com)  
604-309-8368

**Free Admission for Spectators**

**Show:**  
9 am to 3 pm

Raffle!  
50/50!  
Trophies  
awarded at  
2:30 pm



**Aldergrove Community Secondary School**  
26850 29th Ave. Aldergrove

Food Available - Dash Plaques  
Entertainment - & Much More!